

## Day 2

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### Read Ezra 3:10-13

Today, you're not just going to read your Bible, you're also going to bring it to life with your own sound effects. Read Ezra 3:10-13 out loud, and every time you read something that makes a sound, do your best impression of that sound. Pro-tip: You should end up with at least six different sound effects.

It may have felt a bit silly to make all those sounds, but sometimes you have to "let your hair down," or cut loose to celebrate! And the Israelites had plenty of reason to celebrate—not only had God saved them out of slavery, but now—after following God's commands—the temple's foundation had been restored. Before long, they would have a beautiful complete temple, but that didn't mean they shouldn't celebrate now. They knew God was at work, and that meant they should **celebrate each step of the way**.

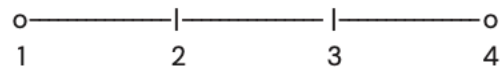


## Day 3

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**Think about something you've been praying for recently—maybe even a long time—that you feel you still haven't received an answer for.**

If you can't think of anything that actually happened to you, you can use an example from someone else's life. Using a sheet of paper, copy the timeline below and write a problem on one side and the answer you were praying for on the other. Then use the other lines in between to come up with a few different times you can celebrate. (Example: You don't have to be fully healed from a broken leg to celebrate—there are many steps to healing where you can see what God is doing!)



1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Prayer request)

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(What you can celebrate)

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
(What you can celebrate)

4 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Answered prayer)

After you've filled in the blanks, think about HOW you might celebrate those steps along the way. One way you can do that is by thanking God for each step forward. Circle where you are on the timeline and celebrate what God is doing by giving thanks!